3/4/57

177 N. RIVER DR,
PENNSVILLE, N.J.

DEAR MR NEWMAN,

I AM SENDING YOU UNDER SEPERATE COVER 3 SETS OF PLASTIC SLIDES I HAD A CHANCE TO MAKE SOME MONTHS AGO.

THEY CAN BE SHOWN IN ANY PROJECTOR USING 2 x 2 SLIDES. HEAT WILL NOT HURT THEM SO YOU CAN STUDY THEM AS LONG AS YOU WISH. AM LISTING SOME THINGS I HAVE FOUND BUT PERHAPS YOU ARE AWARE OF THEM HERE THEY WILL BE OF SOME HELP TO YOU.

WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE SLIDES BACK AS THEY ARE CLUB PROPERTY

THEY ARE NUMBERED BUT ONLY TO KEEP CLASSES AN REVERSES TOGETHER. THEY DO NOT CONFORM TO YOUR COIN COLLECTORS JOURNAL EDITION WHICH I HAVE BEFORE ME FROM THE A.N.A LIBRARY.

II

ON YOUR 1ST OBVERSE YOU CAN SEE IT APPEARS THE "N" IN CURENCY HAD BEEN AT LEAST STARTED TO BE PUNCHED UPSIDE DOWN. IT STANDS LIKE THIS N. MR NEWMAN ONE OF THE REASONS I AM WAITING YOU AN SENDING YOU THE SLIDES IS TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE SERIFS AT THE TOP AN BOTTOM OF THE N'S. THEY ARE QUITE GOOD AN LOOK LIKE WALKING FELT, PERHAPS IF COINS OR MEDALS COULD BE FOUND WITH THIS SAME N SOME IDEA COULD BE GAINED AS TO WHO STRUCK THEM.

ON THE 2ND OBVERSE THEY LOOK MORE LIKE ANYTHING BUT PUNCHES WERE USED. ALL THE LETTERS ARE VERY CRUDE WHEN THE SLIDE IS BLOWN UP TO 40X40.

I COLLECT HALF DOLLARS AN HAVE LOTS OF EARLY DATE, OVERDATES AN VARITIES OF HALFS SO THE 3RD OBVERSE INTERESTS ME MOST.

III

THE "G" IN FUGIO SEEMS TO BE PUNCHED OVER A 'O'. I IN FUGIO " " " "
" " TALL THIN I. DITTO OF THE I IN BUSINESS E IN CONTINENTAL IN TWO PARTS "E". E IN CURRENCY THE SAME WAY.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY THOUGHT OF.

DOES THE E G IN E G FECIT HAVE TO BE INITIALS? OUR FUNK AN WAGNALLS DICTIONARY SAYS FOR "E.G." EXEMPLI GRATIA (FOR THE SAKE OF EXAMPLE; FOR INSTANCE) COULD THEN "E G FECIT" BE AS WE WOULD SAY SAMPLE MADE?

I REALIZE ON THE 2ND COURSE THE SOFT PEWTER WOULD NOT BE THE BEST METAL TO TAKE AN IMPRESSION. THE MEXICAN COUNTERFEIT HALF DOLLARS LOOK VERY ROUGH WHEN BLOWN UP.

YOU MAY NOTE THE NUMBERS ON THE SUNDIAL ARE NOT IN ORDER.

I HAVE NONE OF THOSE GINS OR ANY GLONIALS SO COULD NOT CHECK ANY POINTS I'VE NOTED HERE.

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE THIS OUT AND IT IS SOME HELP TO YOU

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

H.B. GEE

March 11, 1957

Mr. R. H. Cole
177 North River Drive
Pennsville, New Jersey

Dear Mr.Cole:

Thank you for your nice letter of March 6, 1957. I am very pleased that you have taken an interest in some of the problems which I have worked on and am still working on.

As to the plastic slides, I have made similar ones before and find they are excellent for research. Would you be kind enough to tell me what kind of plastic you use and what kind of heating you use to make the impression. Do you make the impression of both sides at the same time? Do the coins ever get stuck in the plastic? I would appreciate full instructions.

As to your questions concerning the Continental currency coinage, I will see if I can draw any further conclusions from them. The defect in the N which made you say it was an upside-down N at first is damage to the coin rather than cut in the die. Your comment concerning the elongated foot is very interesting and I have noticed that previously. The other items I had not noticed.

I do not wish to disillusion you in saying that "L.U.Pecit", in my opinion, is not "for example". After years of research I have finally accumulated sufficient facts to indicate that the dieneker is Elisha Gallaudet and I will write this up as soon as I have completed the research.

I will certainly appreciate any suggestions you may have or any questions which come to your mind on this or any other phase of early American numismatics.

I am enclosing a copy of my recent article, "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War."

The plastic slides I am retaining for further study and will return them in due course.

Thank you for your interesting suggestions and help and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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177 N. RIVER DR
PENNSVILLE N. J.

DEAR MR NEWMAN,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COPY OF YOUR RECENT ARTICLE. I READ IT OF COURSE IN THE NUMISMATIST BUT IT IS A NICE ADDITION TO MY GROWING LIBRARY.

AS TO THE PLASTIC ITS BOTH AN HARD PLEXI-GLAS I BELIEVE WE BY THEM CUT IN 1 7/8 SQUARES. THESE ARE HEATED ON A SINGLE BURNER ELECTRIC STOVE THAT HAS A TIN CAN AROUND IT WITH SLOTS CUT IN THE TOP TO LEAN THE PLASTIC AGAINST IT. 2 ARE HEATED AT ONE TIME, THE PLASTIC WILL GET SOFT ENOUGH TO BEND AN THEN THE COIN IS PLACED BETWEEN THEM. THIS SANDWICH IS PUT IN A PRESS AN LEFT FOR ABOUT FIVE MIN. OR TIME TO LET THE PLASTIC COOL. DO NOT HEAT THE PLASTIC TOO HOT OR IT WILL BLISTER.

WE HAVE MADE SEVERAL HUNDRED OF THE SLIDES FROM PROOF - VNC - GOLD AN EVERY TYPE COIN AN NEVER HURT ANY COIN. WE DO DIMES AN DOLLARS SO YOU CAN SEE IT TAKES A LITTLE PRACTICE TO GET EACH ONE JUST RIGHT. IF THEY DONT COME OUT PERFECT YOU CAN HEAT THE SLIDE AGAIN AN USE IT OVER. COINS RARELY STICK IN THE PLASTIC BUT IF THEY DO JUST SLAP IT INTO THE PALM OF YOUR HAND TO GET THE COIN OUT.

WE MAY HAVE ALL THE ABOVE AT THE A.N.A. CONVENTION IN AUGUST. WILL YOU BE THERE? THIS WILL BE MY FIRST A.N.A. CONV. I'M ONLY 30 MILES FROM PHILA.

COULD THERE BE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DOTTED LINK CONTINENTAL CURRENCY AN THE DOTTED LINK

WASHINGTON BUTTON? DONT KNOW IF YOU HAVE SEEN DEWY ALBERTS "WASHINGTON HISTORICAL BUTTONS" FROM THE A.N.A. LIBRARY OR NOT.

MY WIFE AN I ARE INTERESTED IN BUTTONS AN KNOW MR ALBERT FROM HIGHSTOWN. N.J.

THE ONLY OTHER TIME I HAVE SEEN "FECIT" USED WAS ON A LARGE IRON STOVE GIVEN TO THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF BURGESSES. THE FELLOWS NAME WAS ON IT "BUGHIO - FECIT" I BELIEVE THIS PROMPTED ME TO LOOK UP E.G. IN THE DICTIONARY. WILL CERTAINLY BE WATING TO READ YOUR ARTICLE ON GALLAUDET. HAVE NOT SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HIM AROUND HERE AS SOMEONE MIGHT GET IDEAS ABOUT PUBLISHING IT AHEAD OF YOU.

WILL TRY TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE SLIDE MAKING EQUIPMENT IF THAT WOULD HELP YOU ANY

YOURS

H.B. CLE

April 10, 1957

Mr. H. B. Cole
177 North River Drive
Pennsville, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Cole:

Thank you for your letter of explanation with respect to the plastic slides. A friend of mine and I will experiment with the idea and see what happens. If there is no objection, I would like to keep your slides until the Central States Convention is over.

Incidentally, the word "fecit" is used very commonly on clocks, sundials, and what-have-you.

As far as any connection between Washington buttons and the Continental coinage, I believe you will find that the buttons first began to be used during Washington's term as President, probably for inauguration parades, etc. The Continental coinage predated these items.

Thanks, again, for your helpfulness and you will hear from me in due course.

Sincerely yours,

APIC F. NEWMAN

FPN:atb

177 N. RIVER DR.
PENNSVILLE N.J.
10-15-63

DEAR ERIC,

PERHAPS YOU WILL REMEMBER ME FROM SENDING YOU THE PLASTIC SLIDES IN 1957? (CONTINENTAL DOLLARS)

HAVE READ YOUR BOOK ON THE 1804 DOLLARS AN FOUND MANY THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

HAVE YOU PERSONALLY SAW THE CLASS I "COHEN" DOLLAR NOW OWNED BY THE DUPONTS? IS EVERYTHING ON IT THAT CAN BE SEEN ON THE PHOTO IN YOUR BOOK? IF SO WHAT IS IT OVER? HOW COME L.G. PARMELEE WHO PROBALY HAD THIS COIN AN THE "LADY" COIN AT THE SAME TIME MENTIONS NOTHING ABOUT IT, OR MAX MEHL OR YOURSELF MENTION NOTHING ABOUT IT, OR IS IT SOMEFLAW IN THE PITETOGRAPHY WORK.

I HAVE WORKED FOR THE DUPONT CO. FOR OVER 23 YEARS AN MET LAMONT BREIFLY ONCE. HAVE KNOW YOUNG E.I. FOR ABOUT 16 YEARS AN ON THAT I CALLED MRS LAMONT DUPONT AN ASKED IF I MIGHT SEE THE 1804 BUT SHE DOES NOT CARE TO SHOW THEM TO JUST ANYONE.

WILL YOU BY ANY CHANCE BE TO

THE 6.E.N.A. CONVENTION IN PHILA. IN DEC.?

ALSO ANOTHER TOY DOLLAR I DONT UNDERSTAND IS THE "WATTERS" DOLLAR. SINCE I DONT KNOW HOW TO SAY "IMAUM" OF MUSCAT SO I'LL CALL IT THE "WATTERS" DOLLAR. WHY DOES THE "O" IN THE DATE ON THE WATTERS DOLLAR APPEAR TO BE ALMOST UPRIGHT (AT LEAST MORE SO THAN THE COIN ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE?)

ALSO ON THE WATTERS DOLLAR THE "E" IN LIBERTY SEEMS A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT. THE INSIDE OF THE STAND OF "E" LINES UP WITH THE HIGHEST CURL OF THE HEAD COMING JUST TO THE LEFT OF THE HIGEST TIP OF THE CURL. ON THE KING OF SIAM COIN THE INSIDE STAND OF "E" SEEMS TO BE MORE TO THE LEFT THAN THE WATTERS. ON THE "WATTERS" COIN THE "R" IN LIBERTY SEEMS TO LEAN SLIGHTLY TO THE LEFT. THE LOWER LEFT SERIPH OF THE "R" IS BELOW THE RIGHT SERIPH OF THE "E." THE RIGHT FOOT OF "R" SEEMS TO BE SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE LOWER LEFT SERIPH OF T.

SHOULD ANY OF THIS PROVE NEWS TO YOU AN YOU WOULD LIKE THE "GREEN"

III

DOLLAR LOOKED AT MAYBE A LETTER TO MRS LAMONT DUPONT MIGHT DO THE TRICK. ALL I HAD TIME TO MENTION TO HER ON THE PHONE WAS THAT I KNEW YOUNG E.I. DUPONT. SHE MAY THINK I AM A NEW COLLECTOR.

IM ON VACATION AN HEADING FOR BALTIMORE FOR THE M.P.N.A. CONVENTION THIS WEEKEND. AM V.P. OF THAT GROUP NOW AN TAKE A VACATION EACH YEAR FOR THE CONVENTION.

WILL CLOSE THIS WITH A LIST OF WHAT I'VE FOUND ON THE "COHEN" DOLLAR,

"OBVERSE"

1. SOMETHING UNDER DATE?
2. A "C" AN POSSIBLY A "U" TO THE RIGHT OF THE 1ST STAR?
3. SOMETHING UNDER THE 1ST STAR? OTHER STARS?
4. " " " "L" IN LIBERTY?
5. SMALL "C" UNDER "I" IN LIBERTY?
6. WHATS UNDER "B" "E" "R" "T" "Y"?
7. WHATS UNDER LOWER CURL JUST BEFOR 1 IN DATE?

IV

"REVERSE"

THEIR IS MUCH MORE ON THE REVERSE.

1. "TED" IN UNITED RECUT?
2. WHATS BETWEEN "E D" IN UNITED?
3. STAR - LEFT OF 1ST CLOUD?
4. WHATS BETWEEN A M OF AMERICA?
5. " " "F" OF OF AN WINGTIP?
6. " UNDER O F,?
7. "M" IN AMERICA RECUT?
8. WHATS UNDER "R" "I" "C" IN AMERICA?
9. SEVERAL SMALLER ITEMS ON COIN.

IF THESE THINGS ARE ON THE COIN IT CERTAINLY MUST BE OVER SOMETHING, AN WOULD BE VERY INTERESTING TO SEE. HOPING OUR PATHS CROSS SOMETIME

I AM

VERY RESPECTFULLY YOURS

H.B. COLE.

P.S.

HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED MYSELF A HALF DOLLAR MAN. ITS QUITE EVIDENT THE 1813 U N I UNDER 50 C THAT DON TAXEY SHOWS IN HIS BOOK WAS PUNCHED ALMOST FREE HAND WITHOUT GUIDES, BECAUSE THE U-N ARE TOO FAR APART. SO MUCH SO THAT THE C WHICH IS LARGE ITSELF ALMOST HITS BETWEEN THEM.

H.B. COLE

October 23, 1963

Mr. Harmer B.Cole, Sr.
177 W. River Dr.
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Dear Harmer:

Your interesting letter of October 15, 1963 on 1804 dollar matters is most appreciated. I believe you can realize what problems there were in writing such a book.

Although the DuPont family eventually answered my letter graciously I was never permitted to see the coins. The Cohen dollar is, I believe, artificially abused to make it look as though it was in circulation and, apparently, is not over another coin. However, an examination would be helpful in this case.

You asked why Parmelee mentions nothing about it. The Seavey catalogue, as I pointed out on page 103, has a picture of an altered coin and Parmelee did acquire two genuine ones thereafter, one of which he sold off before his collection was auctioned off. I believe I wrote enough about the Cohen dollar, if you will check the index, but since I have no facts that it is over another coin there was nothing to comment about.

I will probably exhibit something in the Philadelphia convention, in December, but will not attend.

As to the differences you point out between the Watters dollar and the Siam dollar, I believe most of these are caused by the position in which the photographs are published and that there are no die differences between them.

If you think there is a possibility of the Cohen dollar being over some other piece you would have to have the cooperation of the DuPont family and I will look forward to a report from you in the event you discover anything. Frankly, I have done so much work on the 1804 dollar I have neglected many other research projects and would be delighted to have somebody else make some new discoveries.

October 23, 1963

Mr. Harmer B. Cole, Sr.

It was a pleasure hearing from you, as always, and I am at least glad that some of you really read the book carefully.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Mr. Harmer B. Cole, Sr.
177 North River Drive
Pennsville, New Jersey

DEAR MR NEWMAN,

HOPE YOU STILL REMEMBER ME?

AM ENCLOSING A LETTER FROM WILLIS DUPONT BUT AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE DATE I DONT HOLD OUT TOO MUCH HOPE OF GETTING TO SEE THE DOLLAR, STILL I HAVE NOT HEARD OF THE COINS GOING TO FLORIDA SO THEIR MAY STILL BE HOPE.

LEAVE I AM WRITTING TO YOU FROM ROOM 234, SALEM COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SALEM N.J. I CAME IN LAST WED. NIGHT JUST ONE DAY

II

Mr. Harmer B. Cole, Sr.
177 North River Drive
Pennsville, New Jersey

BEFORE THE M.D.N.A. CONVENTION.

I VE BEEN ITS PRESIDENT FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS BUT MISSED THIS CONVENTION. THEY CALLED ME UP FROM WASH SAT. AN SAID FRIDAYS ATTENDENCE AND DEALERS SALES WERE VERY GOOD FOR THE FIRST DAY.

THEY JUST TOLD ME WHAT AILS ME. ITS OLD FASHIONED OR AS THEY CALL IT IN THIS AREA, WALKING PNEUMONIA.

NOW AS TO WHY I AM WRITTING YOU IS THIS: AGAIN REFERING TO

III

Mr. Harmer B. Cole, Sr.
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Pennsville, New Jersey

YOUR BOOK (1804 DOLLAR) THE ROSENTHAL SPECIMEN. I WONDER WHEN YOU COME TO N.Y. COULD YOU GET TO EXAMINE IT CLOSLY ENOUGH TO CHECK FIRST!

IS THEIR SOMETHING UNDER THE "E" IN LIBERTY OR NOT. THIS COULD TELL ME IF MAYBE THEIR ARE IMPERFECTIONS IN THE PHOTOS. I THING IF YOU LOOK AT THE PHOTO IN THE BOOK YOU WILL SEE WHAT I MEAN.

THE OTHER INTERESTING

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Mr. Harmer B. Cole, Sr.
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Pennsville, New Jersey

PART OF THE COIN IS THE SECOND "S" IN STATES. IM QUITE SURE THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN ANY ON ANY OF THE OTHER VARIETIES. THIS "S" IS ALMOST LIKE A FIGURE 8 - S IN THAT ITS STRAIGHT UP AN DOWN.

WHEN DO YOU SPEAK IN N.Y. IF IM OUT OF THE HOSPITAL I MAY TRY TO GET UP. STILL HOPE

Mr. Harmer B. Cole, Sr.
177 North River Drive
Pennsville, New Jersey

SOMEDAY TO GET TO MEET YOU.

WHILE YOURE AT THE CHASE BANK YOU MIGHT ASK TO SEE THE PICTURE OF REV. WATKINSON WHO STARTED THE "IN GOD WE TRUST" I GAVE THEM THE PICTURE BUT DONT KNOW IF THEY EVER MADE USE OF IT.

SINCERELY YOURS
H.B. COLE

P.S. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE DUPONT LETTER BACK.

October 28, 1966

Mr. Harmer B.Cole, Sr.
177 North River Drive
Pennsville, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Cole:

It was nice to hear from you and I am glad your interest in the 1804 dollar continues. I have found certain new data too but nothing to affect any conclusions. I will try to check the Rosenthal specimen when I can, but now that Don Taxay is no longer Director it will require a formal appointment.

I hope you are well by now and if you are able to attend the Grand Central Convention in New York on the evening of November 5, I will be glad to meet you.

I am returning your DuPont letter for which I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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